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ACRONYMS

AATIS	Traditional Indigenous Authorities Association
AECID	Spanish International Cooperation and Development Agency
AEMAPPS	Analysis of Management Effectiveness of Protected Areas with Social Participation
ASOCARS	Colombian Association of Environmental Authorities
CA	Cooperative Agreement
CAR	Regional Environmental Authority
CC	Community Council
CDB	Convention on Biological Diversity
CIPAV	Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems Research Center
CLP	Conservation Landscapes Program
COP	Chief Of Party
CTC	Technical Consulting Committee
FPN	Patrimonio Natural - Fondo para la Biodiversidad y las Áreas Protegidas
GEF	Global Environmental Facility
GHF	Global Heritage Fund
GIS	Geographic Information System
IAVH	Instituto Alexander von Humboldt
ICANH	Instituto Colombiano de Antropología e Historia
IDEAM	Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies Institute
INCODER	Colombian Rural Development Institute
INVMAR	Jose Benito Vives de Andreis Marine and Coastal Research Institute
MADS	Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Territorial
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PA – SINAP	SINAP Action Plan
PAU	Project Advisory Unit
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
NNP	National Natural Park
NPU	National Parks Unit
NPS	National Park Service (U.S.)
POA	Annual Operative Plan
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
REM	Special Management Regime
RFA	Request for Appraisal
RFFRA	Request for Final Revised Application
RESNATUR	Colombian Association of Civil Society Reserves Colombian
SENA	National Learning Service
SIAC	Colombian Environmental Information System
SIDAP	Departmental Protected Areas System
SILAP	Local Protected Areas System
SINA	National Environmental System
SINAP	Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas
SIRAP	Sistema Regional de Áreas Protegidas
SNSM	Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
STTA	Short term technical assistance



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ToR	Terms of Reference
USFS	United States Forest Service
USG	United States Government
WB	World Bank



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1. INTRODUCTION

This is a short report as activities from the first phase are closing and the Caribbean grants are in preparation, so the results reported are mainly due to the sustainability actions implemented during this period and some of the diagnostics carried out to prepare the way for the new grantees and projects.

In the eastern sector of the Cocuy NNP, the jaguar corridor now has been extended along the río Tocoragua with four new farmers helping conservation while getting incentives which improve productivity of their farms.

In the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, both campesinos and indigenous people have installed ecological facilities for coffee processing, reducing water pollution in the Los Clavos watershed and other tributaries of the Guatapurí river.

Some capacity building and communications activities complete the main results obtained during the period.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

The participative diagnostics for three locations selected in the Caribbean to work on tropical dry forest connectivity were finished, and a compilation of results was edited in order to return such information to the local communities who participated in this work. This activity will be carried out in the next quarter. The participative diagnostic in three of the locations selected for the CLP in the Caribbean was finished. Besides the characterization of the production/conservation corridors with the smallholders, the main institutions working on agroecological and other related topics were identified. Also, a list of local and regional experts in agroecological topics was compiled. Recommendations were made on the capacity building process to be followed when the grantees begin their work in the selected locations.



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A campesino smallholder is proudly showing his farm planning as a part of the production and conservation corridor near the Colorados FFS in San Juan Nepomuceno /Conservation Landscapes Program/Patricia Navarrete



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One of the campesinos completing the production calendar for the Media Luna-Raicero area near the Colorados FFS.



The Murillo area, Río Seco watershed, Kankuamo territory.



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The new generations of the kankuamo people also participated in the diagnostics.



The kankuamo people still depend on hunting for their subsistence, so the forest must be maintained in the areas around their homes.



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3. CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

3.1 Challenges met during the reporting period

A complete tour of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta was made to prepare communications materials such as video, photographs, interviews and panels for an event in the Sierra, to close the process of solar energy implementation in seven indigenous villages.

3.2 Major constraints faced during the reporting period

The contracts and grants specialist resigned, affecting the timely completion of the grants process and signature for the first three grantees, the call for other proposals, as well as some of the contracts for technical assistance.

3.3 Challenges expected for the next quarter

- Issue the call for proposals for the Gaira and Piedras watershed areas and other relevant topics as approved in the Work Plan for the Caribbean.
- Subscribing the first agreements for execution in the Caribbean and carry out the first trainings on environmental compliance, monitoring and administrative aspects.



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DETAILED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

4.1 Grants process for local operators

No new processes were approved during this period.

4.2 Implementation of activities in the clusters

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Flamencos

Component 1: Improved Licit and Sustainable Livelihoods

Coffee growers Committee and Kankuamo Association	Contribution to indicators
<p>A total of 22 solar driers for coffee beans and 30 ecological coffee-processing kits of equipment were installed in the campesino farms in the Los Clavos watershed, in Pueblo Bello, Cesar, with the supervision and technical support of the Cesar and Guajira Coffee Growers Committee. A calendar was designed to show best practices for ecological management of coffee plantations and harvest processing. This communications product will be delivered to the farmers in the Los Clavos watershed on time for the beginning of the harvest season in October.</p> <p>The Kankuamo association installed in the coffee growing area of their territory, 15 solar driers and 15 ecological coffee-processing kits of equipment.</p>	<p>Indicator DO4 – 003: 60 campesino people and 68 kankuamo people with increased economic benefits</p> <p>Indicator No. 3: 9,9 ha under sustainable production process</p> <p>Indicator DO4.-017: 15 people receiving training or technical assistance</p>



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Flamencos FFS Ecoagua	Contribution to indicators
Septic systems in the Flamencos ecotourism lodgings were in need of maintenance, while the new cabins in Los Mangles sector needed new systems for water treatment. These installations will be complemented shortly by the water pipes connecting the desalination plant with these cabins.	

Cocuy NNP

Component 1: Improved Licit and Sustainable Livelihoods

Fundación Orinoquia Biodiversa- FOB	Contribution to indicators
Local operators progress in activities	
<u>Second phase of the Jaguar Corridor, Tame, Arauca</u> Implementation of the second section of the Jaguar Corridor has been finished in the “vereda” Tablón Purare, in Tame, Arauca, where four farmers participated to protect the forest bordering the river and other areas, while the silvo pastoral tools and solar energy helped them to improve their production systems as an incentive for conservation.	Indicator DO4 – 003: 20 campesino people with increased economic benefits

4.3. Implementation of sustainability-related actions and Communications

Structuring an alliance with the agricultural sector

An analysis is currently under way to structure an alliance with institutions related with the agricultural sector, in order to identify potential programs, plans and investments which could be promoted to complement the CLP's activities in the Caribbean. Relevant features of these programs were then compared with the diagnostics made by the CLP for the kankuamo territory, the Piojó area and the Colorados zone of influence corridors. Also, the project profiles obtained by Fundación Tropenbos with

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the community groups related to the Fundación Evolución Caribe were analyzed in this matrix to identify potential opportunities.

Capacity building on participative diagnostics and project formulation for young campesinos in the Caribbean region

Fundación Tropenbos carried out the first phase of training for young people from ten municipalities of the Caribbean region, so they will be able to diagnose the current situation regarding conservation and sustainable production opportunities, and also to design projects which can help solving these needs. The first series of workshops finished with 13 project profiles, of which ten were selected to continue training to refine budgets and carry out local research to have more precise data and information. In the next quarter the projects will be completed.

Participative communications activities: music in the Caribbean

As a complement to former recordings made by the NPU communications team with indigenous communities living near the Orito Park, new recordings of traditional music in the Colorados-Corchal and Guajira areas were made. Some traditional campesino musicians and indigenous ones were interviewed and recorded. In Guajira, a now rare instrument was also found in a community near the Macuira mountains and it was documented with the help of an indigenous elder. This work will be compiled and edited to publish a CD.

Preparing a final publication for the CLP initial phase

Documents, photos, videos and graphics are in process of preparation for the E-book which will compile in digital format the main results of the CLP.



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4.4 PMP report on CLP activities

Indicator 1. Number of families benefited by sustainable production systems supported by CLP

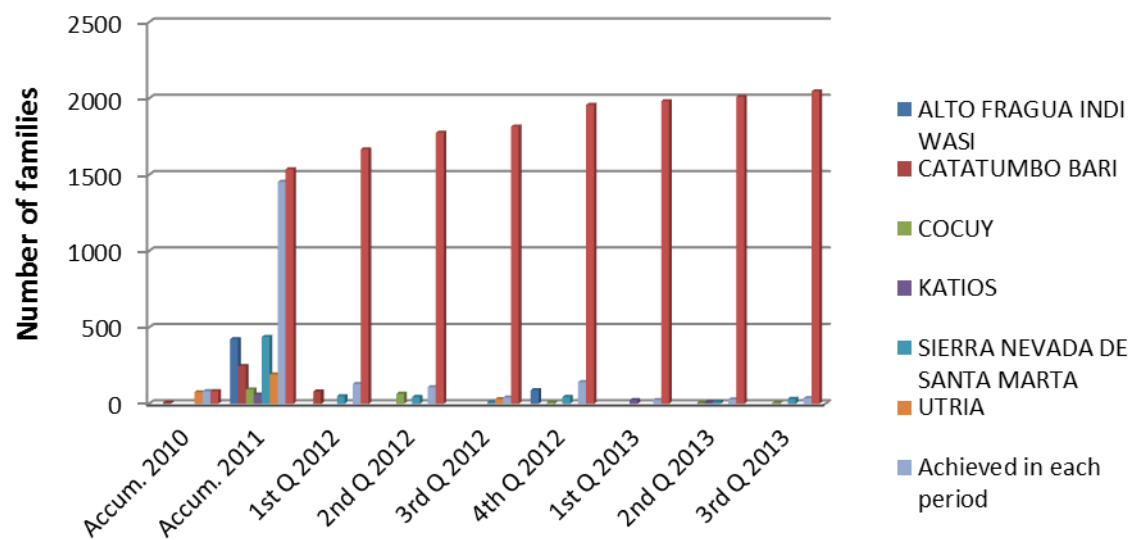
According to the CLP's PMP approved on April 2012, this indicator will allow reporting advances in DO4-OO3 indicator (Number of people with increased economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and conservation as a result of USG assistance), since it has been defined that the average rural family in Colombia has at least four members¹.

Cluster	Accum. 2010	Accum. 2011	1st Q 2012	2nd Q 2012	3rd Q 2012	4th Q 2012	1st Q 2013	2nd Q 2013	3rd Q 2013	Total accumulated by cluster	% accumulated advance	Goal July 2012
ALTO FRAGUA INDI WASI		423				90				513	151%	1,360
CATATUMBO BARI	7	247	80							334		
COCUY		94		65		8		4	5	176		
KATIOS		60					24	11		95		
SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA		438	50	44	10	44		13	32	631		
UTRIA	75	192			31					298		
Achieved in each period	82	1,454	130	109	41	142	24	28	37			
Accumulated by the end of quarter	82	1,536	1,666	1,775	1,816	1,958	1,982	2,010	2,047	2,047		

¹ <http://www.rlc.fao.org/es/desarrollo/mujer/docs/colombia/actualiz.pdf>

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Families benefited by sustainable production system





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Indicator DO4 – 003. Number of people with increased economic benefits. The total target is 2000 people.

Cluster	1st Q 2012	2nd Q 2012	3rd Q 2012	4th Q 2012	1st Q 2013	2nd Q 2013	3rd Q 2013	% accumulated advance	Goal Sept. 2012
ALTO FRAGUA INDI WASI				360				123.4	2000
CATATUMBO BARI	320								
COCUY		260		32		16	20		
KATIOS					96				
SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA	200	176	40	176			128		
UTRIA			124						
Achieved in each period	520	436	164	568	96	16	148		
Accumulated by the end of quarter	520	956	1640	2208	2304	2320	2468		

	3rd Q 2013	
Cluster	People with increased economic benefits	
Cocuy	Fundacion Orinoquia Biodiversa	20
Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta	Comité de Cafeteros	68
	Asoprokan	60
	Achieved in quarter	148



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Indicator No. 3. Number of hectares with sustainable production processes

Cluster	Accum. by 2010	Accum. by 2011	1st Q 2012	2nd Q 2012	3rd Q 2012	4th Q 2012	1st Q 2013	2nd Q 2013	3rd Q 2013	Total achievement by cluster	% accum. advance	Goal July 2012
ALTO FRAGUA INDI WASI		752.89	2164.94		7331.60					10249.43	330.00	30000.00
CATATUMBO BARI	10.00	223.76	364.50							598.26		
COCUY		1102.80	1730.59	7342.00	61.20	157.10				10393.69		
KATIOS		3.48	2519.00				3.00			2525.48		
SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA		913.81	85.26	495.30	10.00			21.71	9.89	1535.97		
UTRIA	7.00	145.22		73546.00						73698.22		
Achieved in each quarter	17.00	3141.96	6864.29	81383.30	7402.80	157.10	3.00	21.71	9.89			
Accumulated by the end of quarter	17.00	3158.96	10023.25	91406.55	98809.35	98966.45	98969.45	98991.16	99001.05	99001.05		



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3rd Quarter 2013		
Cluster	No. hectares under sustainable production processes	
Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta	Comité de Cafeteros	9.89
	Total achieved	9.9

Indicator DO4 – 012. Number of communities and other stakeholders adopting sustainable practices to improve biodiversity conservation.

This goal has been reached previously so no report is issued for this quarter.

Indicator DO4 – 015. Amount of investment (USD) leveraged from private funds for biodiversity conservation in the areas of influence of protected areas, indigenous territories and collective territories of afro-descendant communities. No change has been reported for this indicator in the period.

Indicator 4: Progress in the implementation of the National Parks Unit strategic plan

Goal has been reached in the previous quarter: 16 points advance in the implementation.

Indicator 5: Number of new monitoring processes of conservation objects implemented in the prioritized national parks

Goal has been reached in the previous quarter: 24 new monitoring processes implemented in the clusters.



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Indicator DO4-004: Number of public or private institutions and/or organizations with improved capacity for an effective management of natural resources.

The total target is 10 organizations and 13 have been supported, so the goal has been surpassed. There has been no further advance since the last quarterly report.

Indicator 8 or DO4-012.

According to the CLP's PMP approved on April 2012, this indicator will report advances related to indicator DO4-012 included in the USAIDColombia PMP.

The defined target is five (5), meaning that five groups have adopted sustainable practices to improve biodiversity conservation by the end of September 2012. The goal has been reached and no further advancement is reported in this quarter

Indicator DO4-01. Number of hectares under improved natural resource management.

Cluster	Accum. by 2010	Accum. by 2011	1st 2012	2nd Q 2012	3rd Q 2012	4th Q 2012	1st Q 2013	2nd Q 2013	3rd Q 2013	Total achievement by cluster	% accum. advance	Goal July 2012
ALTO FRAGUA INDI WASI	870	8,754.3	31,504.5		7,331.6					48,460.4	211.7	166,000
CATATUMBO BARI		4,223.8	364.5							4,588.3		
COCUY		14,556.3	1,731	2,433.2	3,832.5	4,900.0		102.2	47.7	27,602.9		
KATIOS		6,603.5	9,167.3			80,000.0	3.0			95,773.7		
SIERRA NEVADA SANTA MARTA		5,219.4	687.4	1,609.2	10,010.0	150.0			246.9	17,922.9		
UTRIA		18,432	17,970	73,546.0	70.0					110,018.0		
URAMBA BAHIA MALAGA	47,094									47,094.0		
Achieved in each period	47,964	57,789.2	61,424.6	77,588.4	21,244.1	85,050.0	3.0	102.2	294.6			
Accumulated by end of quarter	47,964	105,753.2	167,177.8	244,766.2	266,010.3	351,060.3	351,063.3	351,165.5	351,460.1	351,460.1		



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Cocuy	Fundación Orinoquia Biodiversa		47.7
Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta	Comité de cafeteros	9.9	207.0
	Asoprokan		30.0
	3rd Quarter 2013 achievement	9.9	284.7
	Total 3rd Quarter achievement	294.6	

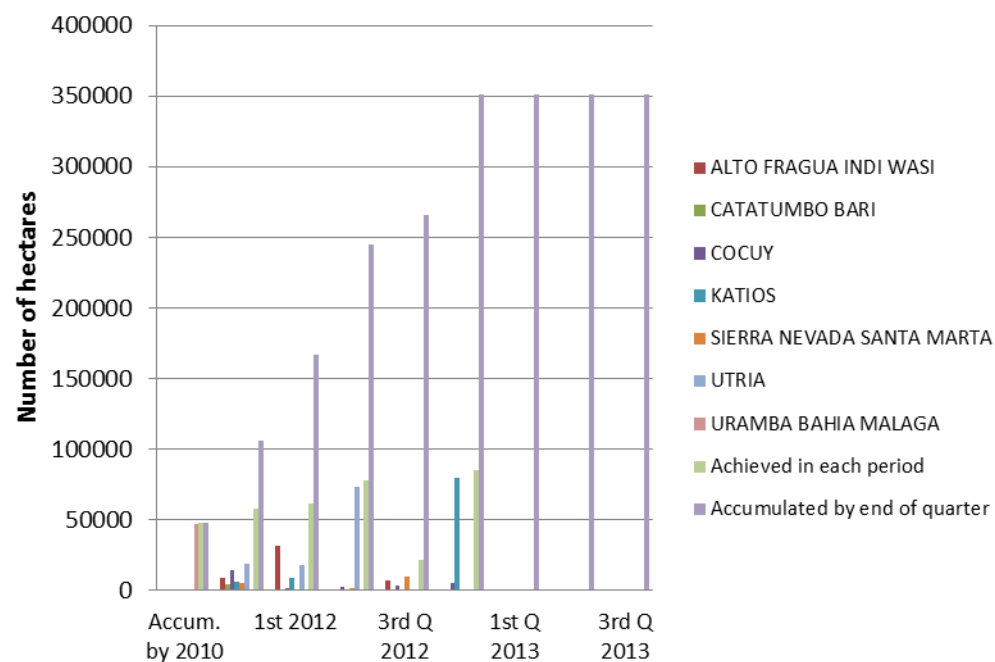


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Hectares under improved natural resource management





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Indicator DO4.-017 People receiving training/technical assistance on natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation.

Accumulated by 2010	1st Q 2011	2nd Q 2011	3rd Q 2011	4th Q 2011	1st Q 2012	2nd Q 2012	3rd Q 2012	4th Q 2012	1st Q 2013	2nd Q 2013	3rd Q 2013	Total for each entity
		101	211		388			8				708
				1,037			20	22				1,079
529				600	127	11						1,267
	11	51		10								72
	68											68
		73	293					84				450
132	45	21			20			22				240
				18								18
			28	52				74				154
		45				9	90					144
		300	24									324
		13	9	9	58	18						107
		120	13	32	46		31					242
		21	135			66						222
					170			163				333
					80		49					129
									51			51
	243	97	58	2								400
	12	58		152	43						15	280
	146				209							355
					85		48					133
					67	16				69		152

		118		14			24					156
	28	48	9		297							382
1		125	60	65		107	92	31				481
	156	160			55							371
	20	44	80	22	134							300
		216	262	147	156							781
	54	112										166
662	783	1,723	1,182	2,160	1,935	227	354	404	51	69	15	9,565
662	1,445	3,168	4,350	6,510	8,445	8,672	9,026	9,430	9,481	9,550	9,565	



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Accumulated number of people receiving training or technical assistance

Cluster	Accum. by 2010	Accum. by 2011	Accum. by Mar 31 2012	Accum. by June 30 2012	Accum. by Sept 30 2012	Accum. by Dec 31 2012	Accum. by Mar 31 2013	Accum. by June 30 2013	Accum. by Sept 30 2013	% accum. advance
ALTO FRAGUA INDI WASI		1,349	1,737	1,737	1,757	1,787	1,787	1,787	1,787	147
NIVEL CENTRAL	529	1,129	1,256	1,267	1,267	1,267	1,267	1,267	1,267	
FARO CATATUMBO	132	722	742	742	742	848	848	848	848	
COCUY		801	905	998	1,119	1,193	1,193	1,193	1,193	
KATIOS		400	650	650	699	862	913	913	913	
SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA	1	836	1,537	1,660	1,824	1,855	1,855	1,924	1,939	
UTRIA		1,273	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	
Accumulated per period	662	7,149	8,445	8,672	9,026	9,430	9,481	9,550	9,565	

Third Quarter 2013		
Cluster	Number of people receiving training or technical assistance	
Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta	Asoprokan	15
	Total	15

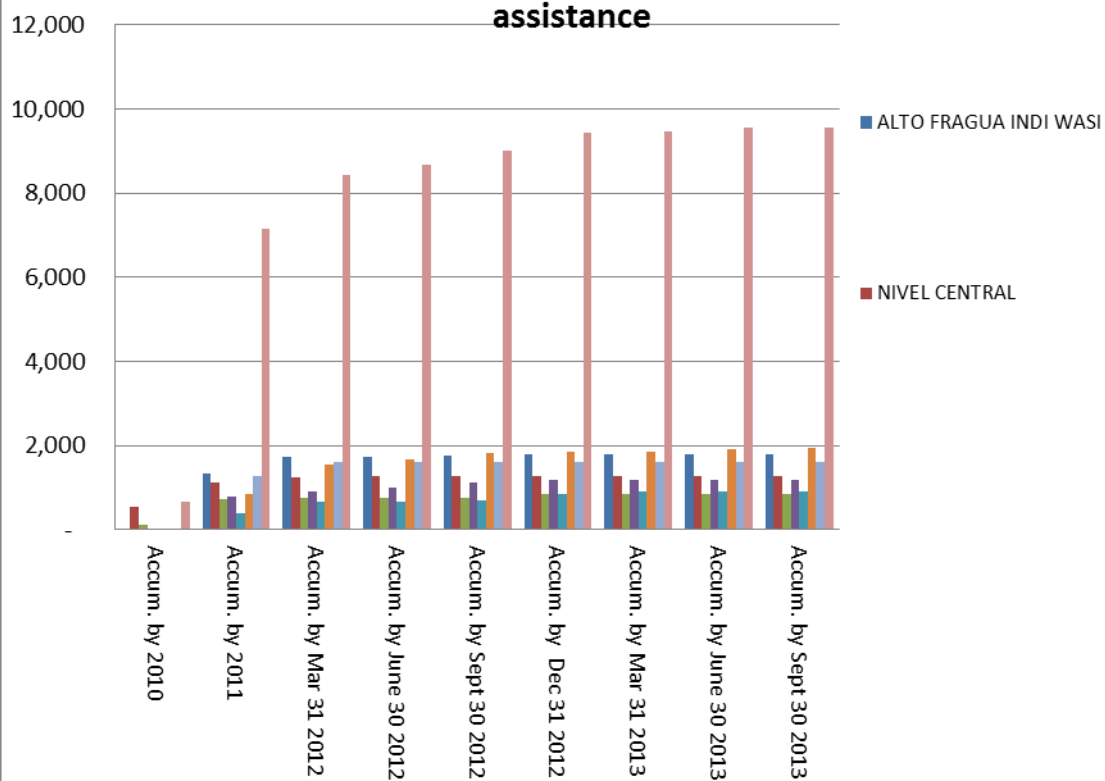


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Accumulated of people receiving training or technical assistance





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5. LOOKING FORWARD: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Table No. 1 - Schedule of activities (October-December 2013)

CLP - SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES				
October-December 2013				
No.	AREA	ACTIVITY	PRODUCT	DATE
1	Caribbean CLP Work Plan approved and in operation	Work Plan and PMP approval	WP and PMP	NA
		Begin execution according to plan	First activities executed	Oct-Dec
2	Environmental approvals	2.6. Environmental requirements prepared and approved by MEO	MONITOR system in operation	Monthly
3	Local operators' grants allocation process	3.1. Evaluating technical and financial relevance and requiring adjustments for proposals from local operators	Proposals evaluated in technical and financial terms, approved by CTC, adjusted according to recommendations.	Monthly
		3.2. Present proposals for approval by the CTC	Proposals considered and grants conferred by CTC	Monthly
		3.3. Receive and evaluate reports for products from local operators	Reports evaluated and payments approved	Monthly
		3.4. Environmental requirements prepared and approved by MEO and PAS conducted for potential local operators	Environmental requirements fulfilled and approved by MEO. PAS conducted for local operators signing contracts	Monthly
		3.5. Meetings with local operators for proposals' adjustments and explanation of procedures for grants	Meetings held, questions cleared and proposals adjusted according to requirements for Caribbean LO.	Oct-Dec
4	Performance Monitoring Plan adjustments and implementation	4.1. Compiling data related to targets and results analysis.	Data retrieval and report of activities on PMP implementation.	Monthly
		4.2. Support the grant evaluation process by assessing potential targets for grant proposals submitted for appraisal by the CLP	Potential targets estimated according to technical and financial options contained in grant proposals	Oct-Dec
5	Communications strategy implementation	5.1. Web page contents updated	Web page in operation	November
		5.2. Disseminate branding and marking manual with concerned public and follow-up its correct	Branding and marking manual application by new local operators disseminated and	As required



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		application	follow-up of B&M manual application by former operators	
		5.3. Revision and approval process for radio/ video/ tv programs with the NPU and local operators	Broadcasting of audio/video programs by local operators as approved by communications officers and AOTR at USAID	As required
		5.4. Obtain and distribute information on CLP's processes and results by different media	Information on the CLP disseminated by outreach materials to the general public	Monthly
6	Executing audit	7.1. Preparing TORs and executing audits	Preparing TORs for specialized audits for local operators as needed	N/A
7	Closing contracts and grants	8.1 Preparing closure certificates and assessments for contracts and grants	Proceed with liquidation of contracts and grants according to closing dates	Monthly

